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1. On 8 February 1952, the Alte Reiter Kaserne in Ludwigslust (Z 54/T 53) was occupied to capacity by troop, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets and a few, black-bordered black epaulets. Crews of 1 officer and 12 men practiced with six of the eight 120-mm mortars standing in the barracks yard. In addition, four artillery pieces of about 120-mm were parked there. Four more artillery pieces of the same caliber were towed through the barracks gate by trucks About 30 soldiers were seen receiving basic infantry training.

2. On 8 February, the Neue Reiter Kaserne was occupied to capacity by troops. Most of the troops wore red-bordered black epaulets and a few, black-bordered black epaulets. Six 120-mm mortars were in the barracks yard.

3. The quarters at Techentin airfield were occupied by 500 to 600 troops with red-bordered black epaulets on 8 February. A total of 26 T-34/85 tanks and 14 SP guns with five bogie wheels per side were seen in the billeting area. tanks which were operated by student drivers and

- * Comment. The information on tanks at Techentin airfield is not specific enough to allow the identification of the tank unit or units there. The observation to date of T-34 tanks, JS tanks and SP guns there is indicative of more than one unit. On the other hand, periodic reports never mentioned more than 600 troops as being stationed there. A tentative analysis of the situation at Techentin airfield was given in a previous report. On the whole, the present report agrees with previous information.

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